

# Moore: Amount of impact fees under scrutiny as costs are increasing

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ter is no one wants to pay the exorbitant amounts of money to maintain or construct new roadways, not the first-time homebuyer, not the home builder, nor the employee transferred to Central Florida for a new job, not even the existing longtime residents. Deciding what is "fair" is difficult.

I realize that some would prefer just to build a wall at the county line and by imposing higher impact fees growth can be stopped. That sounds

well and good, but, we must consider the consequences. No one can prevent a family from relocating to an area. Freedom is the American way. So perhaps a family will now need to buy property and build a home in a neighboring county with impact fee rates one-third of what the BCC voted for this past week.

The problem with this relocation to outlying counties is jobs are generally located in Orange County. Now, families will suffer from long commutes.

Orange County government will not receive any transportation impact fees. Orange County residents will still endure the increased traffic without the revenue.

Supply and Demand. We all recognize that home prices are skyrocketing due to a lack of supply of homes. Why do we have a lack of housing? There are many potential causes due to population growth, higher construction costs, lack of labor, and more. So, tripling impact fees in the middle of a housing availability problem, in my

opinion, will only cause home values to escalate further.

My suggestion was to approach the issue more holistically and revise the road-funding model to be more multi-faceted. We need gas taxes to fund roads, if you drive on a road more, you should pay more.

That is a type of user fee. Yes, we need impact fees for widening roads around large-scale developments.

However, we must keep these manageable for all the reasons I mentioned

earlier.

Finally, many of our transportation-woe-troubles are caused by tourists. Yes, they should bear a proportionate burden for the extra lanes needed to accommodate travel to and from the attractions. To me, that would be some sort of user fee, like a sales tax.

As for residents, we pay property taxes and expect our roads to be resurfaced every 12-15 years. That should simply come with good fiscal management.

And thankfully, that

does occur in unincorporated Orange County.

Finally, I do not know what the cities of Apopka and Ocoee will do with their own impact fee rates, which are now one-third of the county's rates.

In my estimation, they will face having to exponentially raise their rates or endure a flood of new development. Neither is a good outcome.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and ideas. Please contact me at [District2@ocfl.net](mailto:District2@ocfl.net) if you wish me to hear your concerns or solutions.

# Byrd: OCPS decisions directly impact the health of the community

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tals. The ICUs are bursting at the seams and they have multiple floors full of very sick and dying COVID patients. They are so full that basic, non-emergency procedures that people need in

order to remain healthy are being cancelled. The doctors and nurses are overwhelmed, overworked, and worn out.

The effect of decisions made by OCPS directly affects the health of our community. We edu-

cate 200,000 children and 24,000 employees who each go home to families within the community. If we allow spread to run rampant in our schools, there is no doubt that it has an effect on our community health.

It has already been well established that masks help in the fight of spread even if some people claim they don't. Everyone loves to shout that there are no studies showing that masks in schools help, but I argue that is because last year was the first year that school kids ever had to wear masks in school.

But now, studies are starting to come out that have looked at mask efficacy in school settings from data obtained from those schools last year that had mask mandates. In one study recently published and validated, they looked at schools in Georgia and found that schools with mask mandates showed 37 percent less occurrences of COVID cases. Another study of North Carolina schools showed that masks were more effective at preventing spread than social distancing.

The CDC, The Academy of Pediatrics, as well as every doctor I have spoken to has said that masks are one of the strategies that need to be in place to help

control the spread of COVID.

While our community is around a 20 percent positivity rate, and children ages five to 14, most of whom cannot be vaccinated yet, now make up the largest group of positive cases in Orange County since school started, there is no way I can in good conscience allow kids to be unmasked in our school buildings.

I also have to ensure that every child is receiving an education. I can't do that if large groups of children are being sent home every day for a week or longer. Entire classes are being sent home. At one school, 116 kids are now learning at home. And worst of all, numerous high-risk ESE students are not even able to come to school at all because the risk is too high with unmasked kids in this environment.

The best way to ensure that all children can get an education and that schools remain open, is to put in place every pro-

fective measure we can to slow the spread and get it under control. Masks are one of those ways and probably the simplest. Vaccines are another and I hope everyone who is eligible for a vaccine will now get one.

My daily prayer is that all of this is temporary. I pray that when these 60 days are up, our community will be in a much better place and the mandate won't have to be extended. Actually, I pray that happens before the 60 days are up.

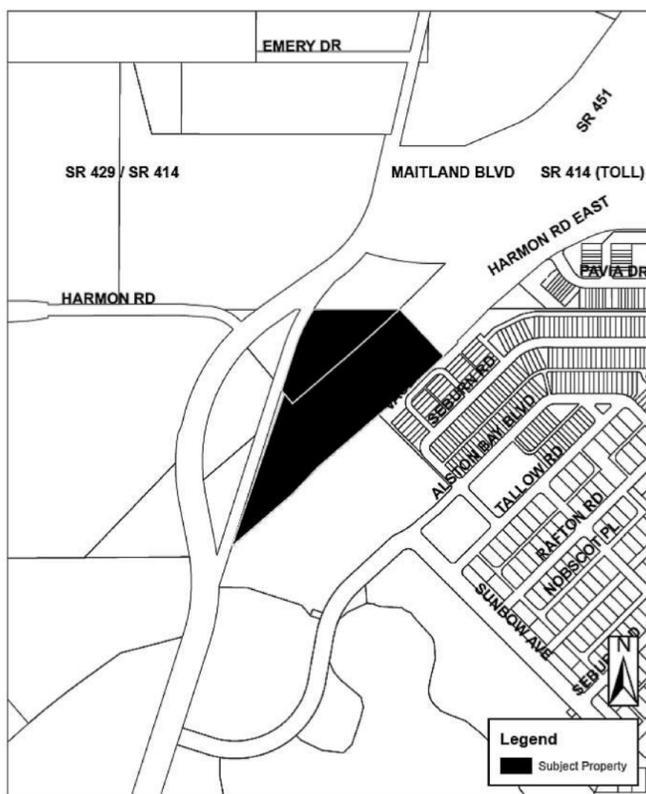
And I pray that our most vulnerable children will have the opportunity to be vaccinated soon.

Yes, my prayer is that all of this is temporary, so our children can go back to life as it was; that they can see their friends' faces smiling back at them and see the smiles of the adults around them. I believe in my heart if we all work together, we can get there and soon.

That is my hope and I believe I am doing my part to help get us there.

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF APOPKA

The Apopka City Council advises you that the City of Apopka will present a potential location of a Public Safety Radio Communication Tower at a site located as described below:



Parcel ID Nos.: 20-21-28-0000-00-040 and 20-21-28-0000-00-046

A meeting will be held in the City of Apopka Council Chambers on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, to discuss a potential site for the installation of a public safety radio communication tower. Additional information is available for review at the Community Development Department at Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The public may appear at the above listed meeting to speak. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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# Hayden: I choose to stand, fight

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Alas, it is not so today. Our focus has been on the pandemic and this administration, with the assistance of the "drive-by" media, has made sure we are so frightened, we will do anything they want us to do. Even taking our eyes off the freedoms they are robbing us of! I wonder, while we are so mesmerized by the failures of this administration, are we not thinking of our southern border where hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens are crossing daily? There are sixty, or more, nations represented by the poor immigrants seeking a better life.

Did we not learn anything from our 9/11 experience? Those involved in the attack that killed close to three thousand Americans and demolished the Towers had come into our nation in a legal way. Those that are coming

across our southern border are not hindered by having to apply for a visa or other forms of vetting. Could it be possible that there could be, maybe a hundred, or more terrorists that have plans to destroy the lives and welfare of many more Americans? The choices we make today can either keep us in the driver's seat or they can relegate us to a future where tyranny is rampant, and we are no more than slaves to those in charge.

We need to start at home – right here in Apopka, Florida! We need to stand for our rights and not let some demagogues place us in a place where we must decide whether to "fight, or flight". Our strength is in togetherness, and together we can stand against any detractor, or "magician" that wants to mislead, or deceive us into submission to his, or her will. I refuse to allow

someone to divide me from my fellow human beings because of any "ism" they can throw at me.

GOD said we were made in **His** image (notice I said "we") and so it is! Not a mirror image but three in one, as He is, body, soul, and spirit. So, we are GOD's creation and I refuse to allow politicians, or any other, "magician" to derail me with distractions, including fear! I will choose to stand and fight for the inalienable rights given to me by my Creator, as our Constitution states. Our city administration of Apopka is firing on all cylinders, and I appreciate the way they keep the process of growth to a level that keeps our small-town cohesiveness and yet allows big city advantages.

I thank GOD for the examples of political uprightness our city administrators set for their constituents. Well done, Apopka!

## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

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### Orange County Telephone Numbers

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| Marco Rubio (Rep.)                  | 407-254-2573 |
| <b>U.S. Representative</b>          |              |
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| <b>State Representatives</b>        |              |
| Keith Truenow                       | 352-742-6275 |
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| <b>State Senators</b>               |              |
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| Museum of the Apopkans              | 407-703-1707 |
| Chamber of Commerce                 | 407-886-1441 |

# OCPS: National PTA membership month is Sept.

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vice workers employed by  
October 8.

September proclaimed as  
National PTA  
Membership Month

The school board re-  
leased a proclamation de-  
claring next month as Na-  
tional Parent Teacher Asso-  
ciation (PTA) Membership  
Month. During September,  
the Orange County Coun-  
cil of PTA/PTSA (OCCP-  
TA) will encourage every  
family to join their school's  
PTA/PTSA (Parent Teacher  
Student Association). The  
National PTA has declared  
September as National PTA

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**INCOMPETENT:** 1) *without adequate ability, knowledge, fitness, etc.* 2) *not legally qualified. An incompetent person; especially one who is mentally deficient.*

Now, don't shoot the messenger ... that comes right out of the dictionary and, like it or not, it fits and describes Joe Biden and his administration perfectly. It also explains decisions made and actions taken, like, allowing the Taliban take-over of Afghanistan in spite of prior warnings ... and with predictions that Al Qaeda will be next. The Taliban's already in charge and dictating a deadline for the U.S. to have evacuated everyone they're going to evacuate. They're also making it clear that no Afghans are to be taken.

Here's another word for you: **FIASCO:** a com-

plete failure; action that comes to a ridiculous end. The Afghanistan fiasco we're watching now is just another in a long line of fiascos there and here at home, brought to us by the Biden WH. Saying we should have left long ago is stating the obvious, as is saying this departure should have been done differently, starting with the scenes of thousands clamoring to leave. Knowing that the Taliban plans to reinstate Sharia Law to the entire country, who believes that girls will be allowed to continue their schooling, or women will be able to continue working outside the home? Sure. Tell that to the women already forced back into Burkas. Tell that to the woman killed in the street for not wearing one. Tell that to women who are being raped. Unbelievably, on top of it all, we've left gifts behind to help our enemies wage war more successfully - \$85B in equipment: Humvees and BlackHawk helicopters, weapons and medical supplies, including Biomedical equipment containing fingerprints and eye scans that would identify Afghans who worked with the U.S. Imagine being

a Soldier or Marine having to follow orders from those who, clearly, are clueless. Worse, imagine you've fought there and left injured or you're one who's lost a loved one to that war; a war many have said didn't make sense in the past and makes even less sense now. And imagine the Afghans who worked for the U.S. having been promised safe passage. All betrayed.

Something else unbelievable is that this president has no idea how many Americans are in country and no idea how many they've evacuated. Oh, they're throwing numbers around, without specifics. So, how will they know how many they've left behind, or how many of those evacuated are even Americans? Listening to them babble I suspect that doesn't matter to them as much as convincing the world that this failure should be laid at *anyone else's feet* but theirs ... and any bloodshed isn't on their hands, either.

They can tap dance around who is responsible all day and night, but that won't help those struggling to save lives, their own and others. It's a scene that's hard to put out of my mind.

But, the hardest thing to forget will be having seen women, arms raised above the massive crowd, passing their crying infants along toward the military people facilitating their departure. I don't care whether they're Afghans, or something else ... the mother's heart in me was breaking for them.

I'm going to close with something that won't sit well with some, but... I don't really care which party's president is in charge of this kind of major mess, but, that person is responsible. His responsibility here was to create a plan and his were the decisions to make to enact that plan. That's what it means to be Commander-in-Chief. Biden said at the end of a faux-presser, "The buck stops here." Well, guess what, Joe ... it does. So, just do your job. Or, maybe we'd all be better off if you just took a very long nap? But then, next up to bat could be even scarier.

What happens next is anyone's guess and *everyone's* guess is it could be very dangerous. Not just there, but here, as well.

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**DON'T BREATHE 2 (2021) (R)** 1:50; 4:50; 7:30\*; 10:40

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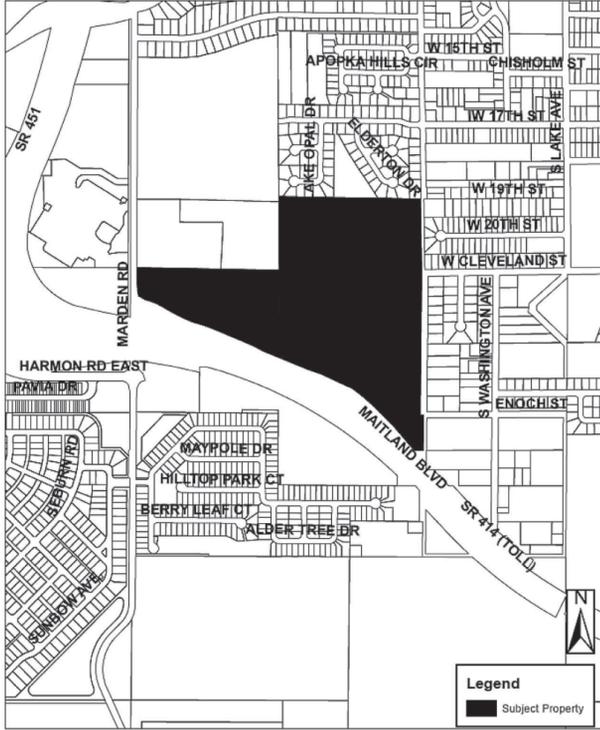
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
ADOPTION OF A  
LARGE SCALE FUTURE LAND USE  
AMENDMENT CITY OF APOPKA**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **M/I HOMES OF FLORIDA C/O RICARDO DIAZ AND APPIAN ENGINEERING** has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM, COMMERCIAL AND FUTURE LAND USE-IN PROGRESS TO MIXED-USE (15 DU/AC and 1.0 FAR) FOR 69.65 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described property located east of Marden Road and North of SR 414.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 21-21-28-0000-00-002, 21-21-28-0000-00-001 and 21-21-28-0000-00-008  
Contains: 69.65 +/- Acres

**ORDINANCE NO. 2843**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (10 DU/AC), COMMERCIAL (0.25 FAR) AND FUTURE LAND USE IN PROGRESS TO MIXED-USE (15 DU/AC and 1.0 FAR) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF MARDEN ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 414, AND OWNED BY EMERSON POINT PHASE II, LLC, COMPRISING 65.65 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2843 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Council  
Community Development Department

# Orange County's COVID-19 news conference includes vaccine information

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approving the first COVID-19 vaccine, the extension of COVID-19 testing in the area, and the continuation of wastewater monitoring for the virus's presence were among the takeaways from Orange County's COVID-19 news conference on Monday, August 23.

The news conferences took place Monday, August 23, and on Thursday, August 26, in the County Administration Center.

## COVID-19 by the numbers

As of Sunday, August 22, the Florida Department of Health is reporting that Orange County's 14-day rolling positivity rate is 19.99 percent. Additional County statistics include:

- \*CDC level of community transmission: High
- \*Eligible residents (12+) who have one vaccine dose: 66.07 percent
- \*Total positive cases for Orange County residents: 196,825
- \*Total deaths in Orange County: 1,480

## FDA approves Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine

On Monday, August 23, the FDA approved the first COVID-19 vaccine – Pfizer-BioNTech

COVID-19 vaccine – for individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals. Learn more by visiting the FDA website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

## Moderna COVID-19 vaccine available

This past weekend, Orange County's free drive-thru vaccination site at Camping World Stadium began administering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Both Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will now be available at the site – first and second dose only. Third-dose booster shots are not available at Camping World Stadium at this time.

## Camping World Stadium

1 Citrus Bowl Place, Orlando  
Open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., or until capacity is reached  
No appointments needed, only four persons per vehicle

## Upcoming #IGotMyShot vaccination opportunities

The full schedule for the #IGotMyShot mobile vaccination trailer is available through Saturday, August 28 at [www.ocfl.net/](http://www.ocfl.net/)

igotmyshot. For additional COVID-19 vaccine locations, visit [www.ocfl.net/vaccinesites](http://www.ocfl.net/vaccinesites).

## COVID-19 testing extended

Due to the increase in community demand for COVID-19 testing, Orange County Health Services Department has extended its operations at all three, free, drive-thru testing locations until the end of September.

## \*Former site of Clarcona Elementary School

3607 Damon Road, Apopka  
Open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., or until capacity is reached  
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## \*Barnett Park

4801 W Colonial Drive, Orlando  
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## \*Econ Soccer Complex

8035 Yates Road, Orlando  
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No walk-ups, only four persons per vehicle.

Residents interested in getting a COVID-19 test are urged to arrive early to ensure they can be accommodated before the sites

close due to reaching its daily capacity or severe weather.

For additional COVID-19 testing locations, visit [www.ocfl.net/testing](http://www.ocfl.net/testing).

## Emergency rental assistance

As a reminder, the federal government and the CDC have issued new temporary protections from evictions. The order is in effect until Sunday, October 3, 2021. Residents who are seeking to apply for this temporary protection must complete and submit a CDC declaration form and submit it to their landlord or property management company as soon as possible.

Residents who are behind on rent payments, due to the pandemic, are urged apply to the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The program may be able to help eligible residents pay up to 12 months of past due rent and 1 month of future rent, up to a total of \$20,000.

As of Monday, August 23, more than \$7.2 million had been distributed to keep 1,276 families in their homes. Residents can visit [www.ocfl.net/rentalassistance](http://www.ocfl.net/rentalassistance) to review program details and to check if their address is eligible.

## COVID-19 wastewater monitoring

Orange County Government's Utilities Department continues its participation in the National Wastewater Surveillance System. The program monitors wastewater from water reclamation facilities to analyze the concentration and spread of the coronavirus.

Below is information from last week:

## \*East Water Reclamation Facility

Concentrations have increased from 267,916 in May to 1,440,963 on August 19. 38 percent increase over the number of viral remnants 15 weeks ago.

## \*South Water Reclamation Facility

Concentrations have increased from 149,113 in May to 1,447,891 on August 17. 871 percent increase over the number of viral remnants 15 weeks ago.

## \*Northwest Water Reclamation Facility

Concentrations have increased from 154,243 in June to 1,016,166 on August 12. 559 percent increase over the number of viral remnants 11 weeks ago.

# COVID-19 testing sites have extended hours at Orange County's drive-thrus

Orange County's free drive-thru COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites have extended their operations through September 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days per week.

Due to high demand and occasional inclement weather for testing and vaccinations, entrance to the sites may close prior to 5

p.m. in order to accommodate all cars in line.

Residents are advised to plan to be in the vehicle waiting line prior to noon. Families who are being tested are asked to be in the same vehicle together.

The Pfizer two-dose COVID-19 vaccine was fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration

on Monday, August 23. The Camping World vaccination site offers both Moderna and the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals 12 years old and older. Those ages 12-17 must have parent/guardian present at the time of vaccination.

Visit [www.ocfl.net/](http://www.ocfl.net/) vaccine for more information.

## Testing

\*No walk-ups and four persons only per vehicle.

\*No symptoms and/or criteria is necessary for testing.

\*Upon completion of testing individuals will receive a free packet of face-masks and hand sanitizer.

\*Rapid test results are emailed/texted in less than an hour and PCR/molecular test results take about 48 hours.

\*Pre-registration is encouraged through the CDR

Maguire Patient Portal at [www.patientportalfl.com](http://www.patientportalfl.com) prior to arrival at the testing sites.

For more information about testing, visit [www.ocfl.net/testing](http://www.ocfl.net/testing) and click on #1 on the map.

## Sites

**Former Clarcona Elementary School (testing only)** 3607 Damon Road, Apopka  
Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Econ Soccer Complex (testing only)** 8035 Yates Road, Orlando  
Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Barnett Park (testing only)** 4801 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando  
Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Camping World Stadium** 1 Citrus Bowl Place, Orlando  
Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

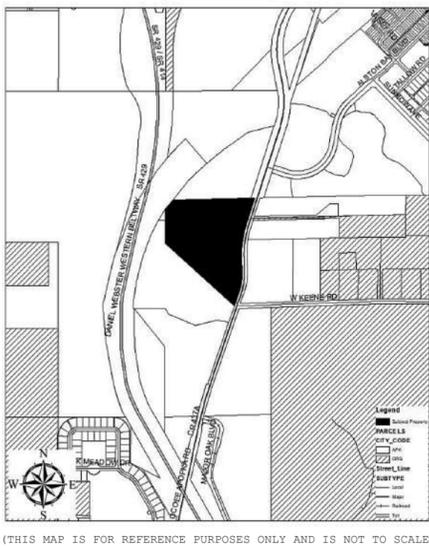
# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that **Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY**. This application relates to the following described property:

## ORDINANCE NO. 2872

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM TRANSITIONAL (T) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2302 OCOEE-APOPKA ROAD, COMPRISING 21.56 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY FRANCIS X HEIDRICH JR. AND CATHY C. TOLBERT; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

## Vicinity Map



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

Parcel Identification Number: 20-21-28-0000-00-009  
Contains: 21.56 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 2872 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

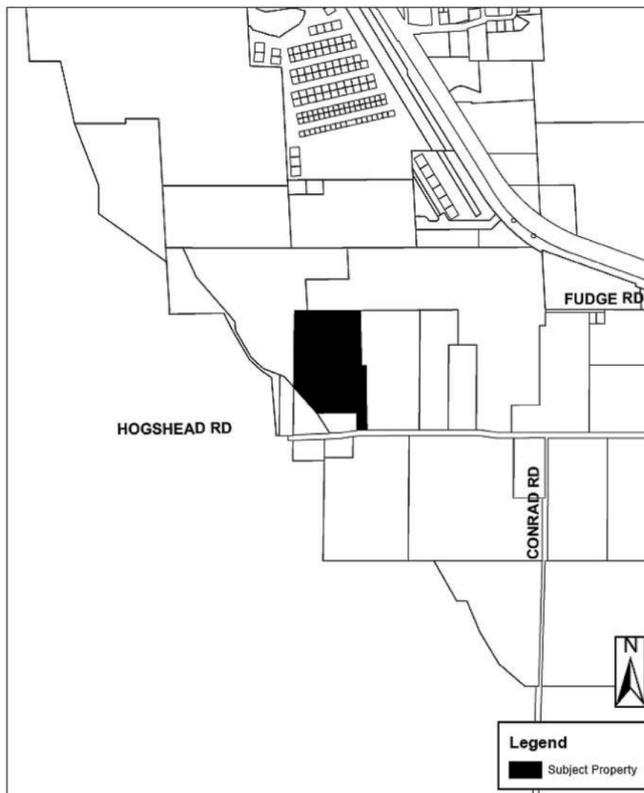
NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2872 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance and Master Plan can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Community Development Department

# CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Tara Tedrow** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW OUTDOOR STORAGE**. This application relates to the following described property located north of Hogshead Road and southwest of U.S. 441:



Parcel Identification Number: 02-21-27-0000-00-023  
Contains: 17.64 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the special exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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# Voting: Official ballot at Apopka Chief website

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Trefcer said. "It pushes for innovative thinking, improving quality of service, allows them to have better knowledge regarding customer preferences, and can help improve their business and market."

"The Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Award is a roadmap to those businesses and are chosen by voters, the residents, and patrons who rely on them. Winning an award like this raises a business profile and ultimately grows business by promoting their win. The participation and results each year clearly show that many area businesses are doing the right thing by their customers and clients."

"After 11 years, our mission is no different. We still strive to unveil what's up-and-coming, give credit

where it's due and provide useful information to our loyal readers."

To help businesses promote their participation in this annual event, there are promotional and marketing tools available to use or download at [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com). These marketing tools are instrumental for businesses to utilize and aid in promoting their involvement in this community-wide event, Trefcer said. 2020 was a challenge for the majority of businesses locally and throughout the U.S. Despite those trials, last year people still acknowledged their favorite businesses as more than 75,000 votes came through the voting system, she said.

"This year, as businesses ramp up, we expect it to be more competitive and exciting as more and more readers and businesses par-

ticipate," Trefcer said. "As in the previous years, this event is taken seriously by our local businesses. Many invest a lot of time, money, and many hours to set the highest standards to achieve the greatest goals for their businesses. In return, they've become an inspiration to our community, but most importantly, they have earned the respect and trust of their patrons."

Every year in August and September, the voting process is opened for the Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards. During this five-and-a-half-week window, people may vote for whatever local store, restaurant, business or person he or she feels should hold a 2021 Best of Apopka title.

Voting will be done at [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com). Only one ballot per email address will be permitted,

and no more than six ballots will be permitted from one IP address. Individuals may vote electronically for as many businesses as they wish to. However, a minimum of 10 votes must be placed per ballot to be validated. There will be no printed ballots accepted this year.

Once the voting ends, results are tallied and the top three businesses in each category will be notified. The deadline for submitting ballots will be Wednesday, September 22, at noon. Placements will be announced in the 2021 Best of Apopka Reader's Choice Awards publication that is scheduled to be published October 29 in *The Apopka Chief*, and November 4 in *The Planter*.

For more information, call *The Apopka Chief* at 407-886-2777.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE VARIANCE REQUEST CITY OF APOPKA

The City of Apopka Planning Commission, in accordance with Article II, Section 2.5.5.A of the City's Land Development Code, herein advises you that **The City of Apopka Recreation Department** requests a VARIANCE from Section 5.10.8.E.1.c, maximum size of an electronic reader board, for proposed signs located at 10 N. Forest Avenue and 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway.

Parcel ID Numbers:  
10-21-28-0000-00-107, 19-20-28-0000-00-048  
Total Acreage: 277.3 +/- acres

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held in the City of Apopka Council Chambers on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. The variance application is available for review at the Community Development Department at Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka Planning Commission  
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## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ADDITION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TRANSMITTAL HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 163.3184 and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate a state required Property Rights Element.

ORDINANCE NO. 2873  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT, INCLUDING A GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND POLICIES, INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF PROPERTY RIGHTS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 163.3177(6), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS REQUIRED BY RECENTLY ADOPTED CHAPTER 2021-195, LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Further notice is given that a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Property Rights Element can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Apopka Planning Commission  
Community Development Department  
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The Apopka Chief contact information:  
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Web site: [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com),  
email: [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com)  
and [ads@theapokkachief.com](mailto:ads@theapokkachief.com)

# VOTE ONLINE TODAY!

Only website voting ballots will be entered to win.  
No prints or photocopies of this ballot will be accepted.

**2021**  
**BEST of APOPKA**  
READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

Honoring the outstanding achievements of dynamic businesses, entrepreneurs and individuals in the Apopka area.



**Category Listings**

**LOOK FOR THIS RIBBON!**  
An ad or company with this ribbon has won or has been a previous winner of this contest! They have been chosen worthy of this award by their customers.

**AUTOMOTIVE**

1. Auto Repair \_\_\_\_\_
2. Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pre-Owned Auto Sales \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tires \_\_\_\_\_

**BEAUTY**

30. Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
31. Hair Salon \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH/RECREATION**

59. Home Health / Nursing \_\_\_\_\_
60. Medical Office \_\_\_\_\_
61. Optical \_\_\_\_\_
62. Physical Therapy / Rehab \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR A SPECIAL EVENT**

5. Banquet Facility \_\_\_\_\_
6. Catering \_\_\_\_\_
7. DJ / Audio / Visual \_\_\_\_\_
8. Photography \_\_\_\_\_

**RETAIL**

63. Eyewear \_\_\_\_\_
64. Favorite Store \_\_\_\_\_
65. Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
66. Gifts / Gift Shop \_\_\_\_\_
67. Mattresses \_\_\_\_\_
68. Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
69. Nursery / Garden Center \_\_\_\_\_
70. Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
71. Supermarket/ Groceries \_\_\_\_\_
72. Thrift Shop \_\_\_\_\_
73. Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

9. Carpet Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
10. Computer Service \_\_\_\_\_
11. Day Care \_\_\_\_\_
12. Hotel/Motel \_\_\_\_\_
13. Locksmith \_\_\_\_\_
14. Marketing / Promotional Items & Services \_\_\_\_\_
15. Pest Control \_\_\_\_\_
16. Pool Cleaning Service \_\_\_\_\_
17. Private Investigation Services \_\_\_\_\_
18. Printing \_\_\_\_\_
19. Signs & Graphics \_\_\_\_\_
20. Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_
21. Web Design \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNTING/LEGAL/FINANCIAL**

38. Accounting / Tax Prep \_\_\_\_\_
39. Bank \_\_\_\_\_
40. Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_
41. Financial Services \_\_\_\_\_
42. Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
43. Investment Services \_\_\_\_\_
44. Law Office \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD & DRINK**

74. Asian \_\_\_\_\_
75. BBQ \_\_\_\_\_
76. Best Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
77. Best Happy Hour \_\_\_\_\_
78. Best Place to Watch "The Big Game" \_\_\_\_\_
79. Best Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
80. Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
81. Chicken Wings \_\_\_\_\_
82. Fast Food Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
83. Home style \_\_\_\_\_
84. Ice Cream / Frozen Treat \_\_\_\_\_
85. Italian Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
86. Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
87. Mexican/Latin/Caribbean \_\_\_\_\_
88. Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
89. Ribs \_\_\_\_\_
90. Sub Shop / Sub Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
91. Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
92. Sushi \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH WORSHIP TEAMS**

22. Church Worship Band / Group \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME IMPROVEMENT/CONSTRUCTION**

45. Air Conditioning & Heating \_\_\_\_\_
46. Carpet / Tile / Flooring \_\_\_\_\_
47. Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
48. Fencing \_\_\_\_\_
49. Garage Doors \_\_\_\_\_
50. Hardware / Home Improvement \_\_\_\_\_
51. Landscape / Lawn Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_
52. Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
53. Roofing \_\_\_\_\_
54. Septic Company \_\_\_\_\_
55. Brick Pavers \_\_\_\_\_

**LEADERSHIP**

23. Business That Gives To The Community \_\_\_\_\_
24. Hometown Hero \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOLS**

25. Coach \_\_\_\_\_
26. Principal \_\_\_\_\_
27. Private School \_\_\_\_\_
28. Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL/DENTAL**

56. Assisted Living / Services \_\_\_\_\_
57. Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
58. Dental Office \_\_\_\_\_

**REAL ESTATE/HOUSING**

29. Real Estate Office \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE DOGS (AND CATS)**

93. Pet Grooming \_\_\_\_\_
94. Kennel Services \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote online @ TheApopkaChief.com**

**Entry Deadline: Wednesday, September 22 • 12 PM**

A Special Publication, Announcing the Winners of Each Category, Will Be Published October 29 in *The Apopka Chief* and November 4 in *The Planter*

**For Inquiries, email [ads@TheApopkaChief.com](mailto:ads@TheApopkaChief.com) or Call 407-886-2777**

**BALLOT REGULATIONS**  
ALL NOMINATIONS MUST: Pertain to people, places, services and businesses with an Apopka or Northwest Orange County address. Must fill in a minimum of 10 categories. No more than 3 categories can be voted on for any one business. Must be 18 or older to participate. One ballot vote per e-mail address and up to 6 submissions per IP Address are allowed. Only website voting ballots will be entered to win. No photocopies of this ballot will be accepted.

